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Dear Dr. Warner:

I'm grateful to you not only for arranging the panel of distinguished consultants for our new Historical Review Program, but also for giving up your own scarce time to serve on it.

I'll enclose a copy of a preliminary draft of the report the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) is to submit to four congressional committees by 1 June 1985. I've sent this to all the consultants, in the hope that it will give a general picture of what we are undertaking, and of how our effort has come about. At the meetings 18-19 March we'll want your comments and suggestions on the draft, and we also hope that you and the four consultants can give us some kind of brief joint report before you leave.

In Appendix B of the draft report you'll find the vita we prepared for you; I would be glad to make any corrections or additions before you arrive.

I can give you the general schedule for the 18-19 March meetings, which will be at CIA Headquarters in Langley. On Monday 18 March we'll start at 10:30 a.m., break at noon for lunch with Mr. Casey in his private dining room, then meet in an afternoon session from 1:30 to 5 p.m. The Monday sessions will be mainly briefings by the various people responsible for the Historical Review Program. Tuesday morning we'll meet from 9:30 a.m. till noon; this session will left open for the consultants to schedule, either to call back people you've heard Monday, or otherwise to get the information you want. There will be a working lunch at noon in the Executive Dining Room, and the final session will begin at 1:30 p.m. At this final session we'll provide secretarial support, so that you and the other consultants can prepare whatever kind of joint report on our program and progress you think suitable. As we discussed in our meeting 00 February, all the discussions will be unclassified.

After the meetings we'll revise the DCI's draft report in light of the discussion and the consultants' report. By about 12 April we'll send you this revised draft for comment. Our schedule calls for us to submit the report for the DCI's signature by 10 May. As you know, the report must go to the four congressional committees before 1 June.

I'll give you a call next week about all these arrangements; I've also been keeping Alan Thompson informed of our plans as they evolve. I hope that you'll call me here if I can answer any questions.

Again, I'm truly grateful for all your help, and I look forward to seeing you the 18th.

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